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All about faith and the value of friendship

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FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP
Lesson for August 21, 1983
Bible Study Passages: I Samuel 18:1-; 19:4-7; 23:15-18; II Samuel 1:26

Introduction

One could have a million dollars and no friends and still be poor. Friendship can be the greatest gift we can give or receive. True friends who stick with us through the thick and the thin are rare indeed. We can probably count on one hand the number of true friends we have. Of course, we can't be intimately close with everyone, for then we would spread ourselves too thin.

I have two friends whom I roomed with in college twenty years ago. To this day they remain two of the greatest friends I've known. I know I can count on them to love me without question. We can be a thousand miles apart but still be together. When we get together after being apart for months we simply pick up where we left off.

It can be a miserable world without friendship. Everyone needs someone to laugh with, to cry with, to confide in, and to play with. It's sad to say, but not everyone has cultivated this kind of friendship. A sound friendship is based upon acceptance, respect, honesty, love, and loyalty. This week's lesson looks at two friends who maintained their friendship despite the circumstances that could have pulled them apart. We will note how their friendship was also rooted in their faith in God.

A FRIENDSHIP COVENANT (I Samuel 18:1-4)

When Jonathan first met David the chemistry between them was recognizable at once. Something "clicked" and a loyal friendship was born. Jonathan's attraction to David was not based merely upon David's heroic battle with Goliath. But Jonathan and David made a covenant with each other that was sealed by Jonathan giving his friend his robe.

Jonathan and David soon met with trouble as King Saul became jealous of David's successful battles against the Philistines. The score normally stood at ten-thousand to one-thousand. Saul began to plot ways to destroy David, but Jonathan took steps to protect his friend from his father's wrath.

JONATHAN THE BRIDGEBUILDER (I Samuel 19:4-6)

Saul was threatened by David's popularity among the people. Saul began to see himself standing in the shadow of David's military successes. Saul sought numerous ways to do away with David. He sent David into battles he thought he could never return from.

But he always did.

Saul then turned from a subtle means to destroy David to an overt plot to have him murdered. Jonathan, however, hears of the plot and takes steps to remove his friend from danger. Time and again Jonathan spoke out in David's defense in order to sway his father's opinion. Saul did on one occasion repent of his plot to kill David, but his jealous rage continued to burn.

FRIENDS TO THE END (I Samuel 23:15-18; II Samuel 1:26)

Saul's relentless prusuit of David did not let up despite Jonathan's efforts to mend the broken relationship. Jonathan did not know his father as well as he thought he did. Sual hated David so much he almost killed his own son when Jonathan came to David's defense.

Once Jonathan realized that his father would not cease his efforts to kill David, he sought to protect him anyway he could. Together they made a commitment that Jonathan would remain loyal to David even when he would become king after Saul's death.

Saul's jealousy eventually killed him. He died in a battle with the Philistines by committing suicide. He could not live with the humiliation of defeat by the Philistines or from David's successes. The tragedy of this story is that David lost his best friend, for Jonathan was killed in the same battle. When David heard this he composed a beautiful benediction on their friendship.

You will note in your study of Jonathan and David that their relationship was grounded in their faith in God. I am reminded that my two best friends and I came together because of our common faith. I strongly suspect that common faith has also kept us knitted together.

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Zion Baptist

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Homecoming and revival services were held at Zion Baptist Church Aug. 7-12. The Rev. L.L. Logan from Hurt, Va. was guest evangelist for the week. A different choir rendered beautiful music each night.

Nine people converted and joined the church during the week. A Baptizing service will be held Aug. 21 at 10 a.m.

Our sympathies go out to the families of Mrs. Lillian Jordan and Mr. Herbert Scott, of Prospect, Va.

A special singing will be held at Zion Baptist Church this Sunday at 6 p.m., featuring the Male Chorus, sponsored by Mr. Jesse Walker.

The Community Singers of Rustburg, Va. were featured guests Sunday at Zion Baptist. The performance benefited the Senior Choir.

Our sick are improving.

BOB WILLIAMS practices his basketball shot for the Woodmen Fun Day to be held at Holiday lake 4-H Club on August 27 from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bob will be supervising the basketball for the day. The event will feature prizes, good food, fun for the entire family.

WOW picnic time nears

Woodmen of the World members and their families are invited to attend the "Woodmen Fun Day" to be held at Holiday Lake 4-H Club Aug. 27 from 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bring the family and participate in competitive basketball, horseshoes, swimming, volleyball, softball, bingo, log sawing, and tobacco/chewing contests. Prizes will be given and two door prizes for two lucky ticket holders (must be present to win) will be made. Meals will begin at 4:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. The crowning of Miss Woodmen for 1983 will be a featured event.

Museum open through September

The Appomattox County Historical Museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., through the month of September.

Local artists have their paintings of local scenes on display in the art gallery of the museum in the old jail on Court Street in Appomattox.

Many new items have been contributed to the museum and are now on display.

Mt. Shiloh news

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" St. Luke 6:41

Out annual homecoming was an overwhelming success. Relatives, friends and loved ones attended from near and far.

The Rev. Robert King of Newark, N.J. delivered a very challenging and soul-stirring morning message.

The Rev. S.C. Terry of Rustburg, Va., who is the evangelist of the week, also bought us a challenging and soul-stirring message in the afternoon.

Let us all come out and be revived this week.

The chairman of the food committee, Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, would like to take this opportunity to thank all for the splendid support given.

Mr. Luther Abbott of Baltimore, Md., is spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Turner.

Mrs. Brunette Abbott Reese of Bronx, N.Y., is spending some time here with relatives and friends.

Special prayers are requested for Mrs. Mary Paige. Remember all the sick in our community and elsewhere.

Have a nice week!

Concert slated at Cannan

The Golden Trumpeteers will be in concert at Canaan Baptist Church Sunday, Aug. 28 at 3 p.m.

The proceeds from the concert will be used to benefit the Young Adult Choir. Jackie Evans is sponsor of this event.

Deaths

James Henry Day

James Henry Day, 78, formerly of Appomattox, died at 6 p.m. Aug. 11, 1983 in Piedmont Hospital, Burkeville.

He was a son of the late John Day and Mary Elizabeth Wilkerson Day. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is survived by one brother, Joel Emmitt Day of Appomattox and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Robinson Funeral Home, with burial in Old Herman Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ellwood Heart Lindsay

Ellwood Heart Lindsay, 65, of Madison Heights, died Saturday, Aug. 13, 1983 at his residence, after a long illness. He was the husband of the late Jesse Lee (Peggy) Woody Lindsay.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of the late Willie Dabney Lindsay and Mattie Lindsay Lindsay. He was a retired employee of Overnight Transportation Company, a veteran of World War II, and a member of Madison Heights Christian Church.

He is survived by a brother, Fred Lindsay, Concord; two sisters, Clara L. Baity, Goode, and Ruby L. Smith, Lynchburg; his mother-in-law, Laura T. Woody, Madison Heights.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Madison Heights Christian Church by the Rev. D. Jack Hamilton. Interment was in Fort Hill Memorial Park, with military honors by American Legion Post No. 16.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Albert Maxey

Thomas Albert Maxey, 72, of 405 Grove St., Lynchburg, died Thursday at Lynchburg General Hospital.

He was born in Campbell County, the son of the late Robert Lee Maxey and Betty Rosser Maxey. He was a retired employee of Norfolk & Western Railway and a member of Court Street United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Ballard Maxey; one son, Albert D. Maxey of Spout Spring; one daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Ruth) Franklin of Appomattox; two step-daughters, Mrs. Bessie C. Foley of Clifton Forge and Mrs. Shirley James of Lynchburg; two step-sons, Robert Baber of Lynchburg and Berkley C. Calhiness of Appomattox; one brother, Walter Maxey of Gladys; two sisters, Mrs. Gracie Trent and Mrs. Ethel Garrett, both of Lynchburg; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted Monday at 1 p.m. in Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. W.S. Volskis.

Diuguid Rivermont Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Carson Robertson

Mabel Carson Robertson, 91, of Spout Spring, died at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at her residence. She was the widow of James Oscar Robertson.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Breckenridge Carson and Sarah Bondurant Carson. She was a member of Old Concord Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Alice R. Smith, Spout Spring; one son, Thomas Virgil Robertson, Norfolk, and six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Old Concord Presbyterian Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Nell Cawthorn Thrasher

Nell Cawthorn Thrasher, 75, died Thursday night at Spout Spring Home for the Aged.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late James W. and Lizzie Morris Cawthorn. She was a member of Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Thelma Caldwell and Clara Hanenkamp, both of Appomattox.

A funeral service was conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday at Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Albert Thomas Worley Jr.

Albert Thomas Worley Jr., 15, of Route 1, Concord, died Sunday, Aug. 14, 1983, at Lynchburg General Hospital from injuries sustained in an accident.

Born in Lynchburg, he was a son of Albert Thomas Worley and Linda Leonard Worley. He was a student at Rustburg High School and a member of the Baptist church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Dewey Jason Worley and Thomas Leonard Worley, and two sisters, Yulita Lynn Worley and Angela Michelle Worley, all of Concord, and his maternal grandfather, the Rev. D.L. Leonard, and his maternal grandmother, Kate Elizabeth Gallier, both of Lynchburg.

A graveside service was conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Mount Olivet United Methodist Church cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Springfield

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me?" Psalms 118:6

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the annual homecoming and revival services at Springfield Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 21.

The Rev. Harrison Kelso, pastor, will be in charge of the 11 a.m. service. The Young Adult Choir will render songs of praises. Dinner will be served.

The Rev. Darnell Mays, a dynamic speaker of Amherst County will be the guest minister for the 3 p.m. service. One of his church choirs will provide music.

The Rev. Darnell Mays also will be the evangelist for the week of revival services.

The weekly revival services will begin each evening with prayer services at 7:30 p.m. Local church choirs have been invited to render music.

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Program helps Saudis learn about the furniture industry

By FRANCES ABBITT

When Armstrong Furniture came to Appomattox in 1974, it meant jobs, opportunities for local workers, a better economy for this community. Little did the Appomattox folk dream that the local plant would have anything to do with helping workers in Saudi Arabia learn the furniture business.

Oil fields and related industries, they know about . . . about furniture making and assembling, they have a lot to learn. But things are changing in Saudi Arabia.

"Certainly no country in the world has changed so dramatically in so few years as Saudi Arabia. From barren desert, custom built industrial cities have risen, white, glistening and complete, like mirages that have taken form in concrete glass and steel," read a recent issue of **Newsweek**.

The Saudi economy has grown more rapidly in the past two decades than that of any country. Learning the business of furniture making and assembling is one of the areas of growth.

Armstrong Furniture is involved in a joint venture with Almutlag Furniture, Saudi Arabia. Armstrong is shipping packaged furniture parts which they will assemble and finish.

Four men, three of whom are making their first visit to America have been in the Appomattox Armstrong plant since August 8 and will continue working and observing and learning there through August 19.

These people will be working with the various assembly and finishing crews to learn how to assemble and finish Armstrong furniture.

Howard Hughes, who is training as general foreman, is a native of Tennessee. Nasheer Ahmed, plant engineer trainee; Romeo Tabano, training in leadman - assembly and Celestino Deocera, training as leadman - finishing are visiting America for the first time.

The Almutlag Furniture Company in Saudi Arabia imports labor from the Phillipines. Taiwan and Korea. Management for the company operation has been imported from Europe and America.

"Our connection with the Almutlag Furniture Company grew out of the efforts of Arabian World Industries International Sales group and also as a result of a trip to the Far East by Bill Lowe, Armstrong plant manager.

The Almatlug Furniture Company selected Armstrong after a visit here during which time they were favorable impressed with plant facilities and our ability to serve their needs," commented Bruce E. Cowan, assistant plant manager of Armstrong.

BRUCE E. COWAN, ASSISTANT PLANT MANAGER of Armstrong is shown with, (left to right) Naseer Ahmed, Celestino Deocera, Romeo Tabano and Howard Hughes.

A FAMILIAR FACE was added to the sales force at Moses Motor Company this month, as Walter H. "Buddy" Carson (left) assumed duties there as sales manager. Carson, who worked formerly at Moses in a variety of capacities, including salesman and service manager, says that he is pleased to be affiliated with Moses, and invites all his friends in Appomattox to "stop by and let us help you with all your new and used truck and car needs." Carson is shown above with Moses General Manager Andy Shelton. (Photo by Allen Austin)

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which afflict an estimated million Americans. Neuro-muscular disease can strike anyone at any age. Some forms develop in infancy or childhood and others in the teen years, the 20's land in middle or later years.

"We want to urge the people of Appomattox to give all they can," commented David's mother. "We have seen what the disease can do. Fighting MD has a very personal meaning for our family. The nickles, dimes, quarters, and dollars you give add up quickly and will help in the fight to conquer MD."

"Remember, watch for David this week and next at Food World," added County Chairman Volturo. "We need your help. And remember to call the town office on Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend. WTTX will be broadcasting live from 12 noon until 7 p.m. There will be clowns, music, games. Come on over and help us fight MD."

School info

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county during the summer who have children who will attend school this fall should go to the appropriate school or schools to register. The schools in the county and telephone numbers are: Appomattox County High School (352-7146), Appomattox Middle School (352-8257), Appomattox Elementary School (352-7463), and Appomattox Primary School (352-5766).

All principals urge you to give them your cooperation regarding opening day procedures.

Fall softball league planned

The Toga Community Center is sponsoring a fall men's softball league.

If you are interested in playing, please contact any of the following: Robert Seay, 969-4536 or Richard or Linda Seay, 352-7317.

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"Genealogy Survey Form"

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If you have any additional information concerning your family or the history of Appomattox County in general that you could share with us, we would appreciate hearing from you. The Society can photo-copy old pictures, deeds, tax receipts, newspaper clippings, or any old documents without any damage to the original.

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